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FROM THE EDITOR



CHRISSEY CUTTITA

Off we go into the wild blue yonder! This edition continues to showcase the amazing things you are doing as a Total Force around the U.S. I had the opportunity to hang out in a C-5 Galaxy cockpit with some of the educators you nominated for our Distinguished Educator's Tour. Isn't it fun to watch people's reactions to an Air Force experience?

You see this all the time in your job. The American public really is amazed by what you have chosen to do for a living. Certainly, those of you in the San Antonio area got to see how the city's week-long, historical event, called Fiesta, gave plenty of opportunity to do just that. We even had one of our recruiters rescue a reveler from the river. Read that heroic story in this edition.

Meanwhile in Indianapolis, we are off to the races. Our partnership with Andretti Autosports will take us to the Indy 500 in another Air Force heritage wrap design. Check out driver Conor Daly's new ride for the race season and his experience of climbing high into the sun during his F-16 flight at Shaw Air Force Base in these pages.

Our look is changing here at AFRS headquarters also as we evolve into a Total Force. New faces and shifts in positions are coming and we'll be sure to keep you informed here in this publication starting with this month's front cover. We also expanded our footprint by opening an office in the Virgin Islands, which will help the nearby recruiting office in Puerto Rico that also reopened its doors after recovering from Hurricane Maria. You can find that news article and more here. Keep sharing those stories of how you are living in fame! Aim High!

ON THE COVER



Viva Fiesta! New AFRS deputy commander, Brig. Gen. Scott Durham, waves to the crowd during his first public appearance riding in the Texas Cavaliers River Parade in San Antonio, April 22, 2019. Durham, the top Air Force Reserve leader in AFRS, came from Westover Air Reserve Base, Massachusetts, where he served as the 439th Airlift Wing commander. His AFRS position was added as part of the transition to a Total Force Recruiting construct. According to leadership, these changes to the AFRS organization are absolutely critical to ensure the Air Force recruits and retains the very best from across the nation. By integrating the three components and strengthening our relationships with the other accession sources, AFRS will ensure our Air Force remains the world's greatest Air, Space, and Cyber Force. (Air Force photo by 502nd ABW)

Air Force military ambassador, saves reveler during Fiesta parade

Story by Daniel J. Calderón,
Brooke Army Medical Center Public Affairs

SAN ANTONIO, Texas. -- In a scene that might have been drawn straight from a Hollywood movie, Tech. Sgt. Ryan Fillweber leaped into the San Antonio River to save a woman who had fallen in during the annual Texas Cavaliers River Parade held April 22, 2019, in downtown San Antonio.

Fillweber, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the personnel section in the 369th Recruiting Group, is one of 10 military ambassadors during this year's Fiesta San Antonio events. As one of two enlisted Air Force representatives, he was on a barge that held two enlisted service members from each branch of the military.

As he and the other ambassadors floated along and waved to the crowds assembled along the San Antonio Riverwalk, he saw a woman fall into the river head first. Fillweber didn't hesitate.

"I don't remember consciously thinking, 'I have to jump in and do something,'" he said. "My legs just went and I followed along with them. I knew she needed help and I just reacted."

Fillweber helped the woman right herself and, along with some bystanders, helped her out of the water and back on to the walkway. He then climbed on to the bank and checked her over. He found no cuts or bruises as the others who were in her group at the parade came over to help take care of the woman.

Once he was satisfied she was unharmed, he jumped back onto the barge that had come close to the side of the canal and rejoined his fellow ambassadors.

The next day, Lt. Gen. Jeffrey S. Buchanan, com-



manding general for U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), recognized Fillweber during the Army Day at the Alamo celebration with a command coin.

"If you look up the word 'hero' in the dictionary, you'll see it comes from the ancient Greeks," Buchanan said. "There's only two requirements, really, to be a hero – courageous acts and a noble purpose. We have one here, so I'm going to recognize him with this coin."

Fillweber, a San Diego native, has been in the Air Force for nine years. Even though his actions helped save a life, he doesn't consider himself a hero.

"I think it's something any of my other ambassadors would have done," he said. "I just happened to be the one looking that way."

Left, Lt. Gen. Jeffrey S. Buchanan, commanding general for U.S. Army North (Fifth Army), recognizes Tech. Sgt. Ryan Fillweber, of the 369th Recruiting Group, during the Army Day at the Alamo celebration April 23, 2019, for his actions during the Texas Cavaliers River Parade the day before. Fillweber, a military ambassador during the 2019 Fiesta San Antonio celebrations, jumped off his barge and into the San Antonio River to save a woman who had fallen head-first into the river. (Courtesy photo)



After he jumped off his barge, Tech Sgt. Ryan Fillweber races to save a woman who had fallen into the San Antonio River during the Texas Cavaliers River Parade April 22, 2019. Fillweber was a military ambassador during the 2019 Fiesta San Antonio celebrations from April 18 to April 28, 2019 that celebrate a variety of historic and cultural events across the city. (Photo by Lori Tips)

From raceway to runway, AFRS gives Indy car driver USAF experience

Story by Staff Sgt. Jannelle McRae,
SECAF Public Affairs

SHAW AIR FORCE BASE, S.C. --

Airmen assigned to the 20th Fighter Wing and Air Combat Command F-16 Viper Demonstration Team hosted Conor Daly, Air Force Honda race car driver, and Townsend Bell, sports commentator and professional race car driver, April 15-16, 2019.

During the U.S. Air Force Recruiting-



As part of a partnership with Andretti Autosport, AFRS, with Conor Daly, unveiled No. 25 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indiana, April 23, 2019. Paying tribute to fighter jets throughout America's Air Force history, Daly's Indy 500 colors display the iconic shark teeth war paint often carried into battle by the A-10 Thunderbolt, F-16 Fighting Falcon and F-35 Lightning. (Courtesy photo/INDYCAR)

coordinated visit, Daly and Bell had the opportunity to interact with Team Shaw Airmen before receiving rides in the back of F-16D Vipers.

From medical appointments to survival training to gear fittings, Team Shaw Airmen taught the visitors how pilots prepare for their missions. Daly and Bell also gained insight on how teamwork in the military lays the foundation for success.

"Whenever you're performing a high-intensity activity, and an activity that can be potentially dangerous, you've got to have a good crew behind you," said Daly. "These guys have an incredible crew here and incredible people (who) ... make sure that the pilots can go out there and do their job. It's the same thing for us in the racing world."

Once in their respective cockpits with Maj. John Waters, F-16 VDT commander, and Maj. Garret Schmitz, F-16 VDT safety observer and 55th Fighter Squadron pilot, the racers were introduced to more speed and G-forces than they could have experienced on the racetrack.

Schmitz, who flew with Bell, said they hit speeds in excess of 650 mph and experienced almost nine times the force of gravity during their flight.

"'Toro' (Schmitz) really talked me through what we were going to experi-



Staff Sgt. Trevor Griswold, F-16 Viper Demonstration Team electrical and environmental systems craftsman, stands by as Conor Daly, Air Force Honda race car driver, secures his helmet at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina, April 16, 2019. Griswold and his team prepared the aircraft and helped Daly be ready for flight. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kathryn R.C. Reaves)

ence and did such a great job that I knew what to expect, but you can't prepare for the amount of thrust to the weight of the vehicle," said Bell. "The speed just keeps coming and coming and coming and you're just so psyched you don't want to stop accelerating. ... You feel the G-suit engage your body for the first time and, at that point, you just have to surrender."

Part of the flights included demonstrating training scenarios that keep pilots ready for deployments.

The drivers got a taste of what it is like to be in combat from the two highly trained and competent pilots during a simulated dogfight, said Bell. The racers experienced the flow of competitive adrenaline similar to what they feel

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Recruiting Office opens in Virgin Island, PR office reopens

Story by Capt. Kip Sumner, AFRS/PA

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, TX - For the first time in 11 years, individuals from the U.S. Virgin Islands will now have direct access to an active duty Air Force recruiter on the island of St. Croix.

On April 7, 2019, Air Force Recruiting Service commander, Brig. Gen. Jeannie Leavitt, and Tech. Sgt. Shayne Vander Kuyl, 333rd Recruiting Squadron enlisted accessions recruiter, cut the ribbon on a brand new recruiting office, located in the St. Croix Sunny Isles Shopping Center.

"We are very excited to open this office, and the location could not be better, right next to our Air National Guard [partners]," Leavitt said. "Together we will find ... those with physical strength, moral strength, mental strength, with grit and determination. We'll show them a path to be able to serve their country."

Since the original office's closure in 2008 when it was located on St. Thomas, individuals from the U.S. Virgin Islands would have to either fly or take a ferry to Puerto Rico in order to talk to an active duty recruiter.

"The process used to be very time consuming just from travel times alone," said Vander Kuyl. "Having



Tech. Sgt. Shayne Vander Kuyl, 333rd Enlisted Accessions Recruiter, and Brig. Gen. Jeannie Leavitt, Commander, Air Force Recruiting Service, cut the ribbon on a new Air Force Recruiting Office, April 7, 2019, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. The Active Duty Air Force Recruiting Office will be the first one in the U.S. Virgin Islands in 11 years, and will give island inhabitants direct access to a local Air Force recruiter. (U.S. Air Force photo by Desiree Palacios)

someone on one of the main islands will make the process easier for all parties involved."

Vander Kuyl is one of the first active duty recruiters on the island and has been working since January to bolster relationships between the Air Force and the local communities.

"I'm excited to be here as the active duty Air Force recruiter and am extremely grateful for how welcoming

the community has been to me and my family," Vander Kuyl said.

While the U.S. Virgin Islands are not a formal state but rather a U.S. territory, inhabitants of the islands are still American citizens and are eligible to join the U.S. Armed Forces.

However, with a community spread across several islands and the prominence of languages such as Spanish, French and different dialects of Creole,

recruiting on the islands can be different than recruiting in the continental U.S.

"There are definitely some cultural challenges that come with working on the islands," Vander Kuyl says. "but I'm thankful to have the support of the command and look forward to showing the community the opportunities the Air Force can offer them."

The U.S. Virgin Islands are no strangers to military service, with two Tuskegee Airmen coming from the islands, Henry E. Rohlsen and Herbert Heywood. St. Croix is also home to the Virgin Islands Army and Air National Guard.

"The U.S. Virgin Islands have a proud history of military service," said Lt. Col. Stewart Rountree, 333rd RCS commander. "With the establishment of this new office, we look forward to building lasting relationships and providing more career opportunities to citizens of the islands."

While service applicants will still have to process through the San Juan Military Entrance Processing station, having a recruiter in the region is the first step towards simplifying the enlistment process there.

Since 2017, approximately 24 citizens from the U.S. Virgin Islands have joined the Air Force.

Las Vegas Remote Processing Station adds cyber, TAPAS

Story by U.S. Military Entrance Processing Command

NORTH CHICAGO, Ill. – Headquarters, United States Military Entrance Processing Command announced that beginning April 24, 2019, the Command's Las Vegas Remote Processing Station expanded its services to include Cyber Testing and Tailored Adaptive Personality Assessment System (TAPAS) testing.

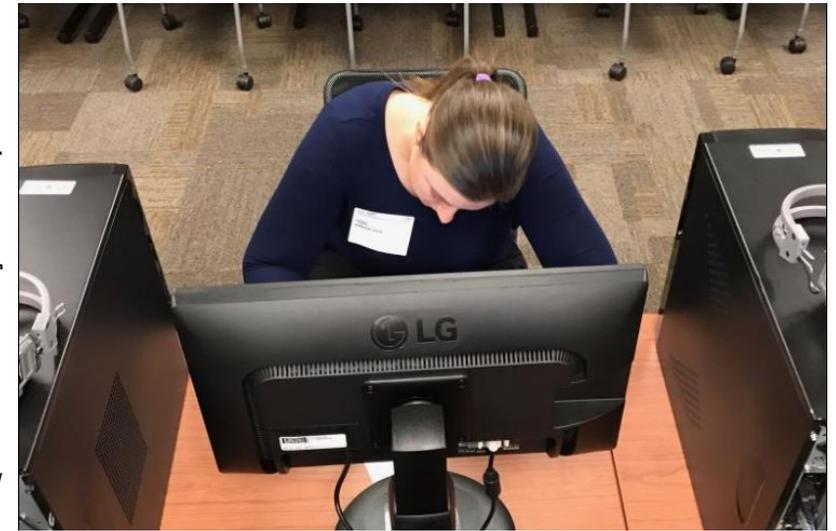
Established to provide additional support to Armed Forces recruiters in the Southwest, the RPS initially provided medical screening only, but now offers these special aptitude and suitability tests as well.

Formally known as the Information and Communi-

cation Technology Literacy Test, the Cyber Test is utilized by the Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force to assess an applicant's aptitude in many areas of cyber technology.

TAPAS - a test first implemented in 2009, measures attitudes and behaviors of applicants to determine if they are a good fit for life as a Soldier, Marine, Sailor, or Airman.

Both tests are intended to be taken after the individual has first met Department of Defense and service standards on the Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery or ASVAB.



(Courtesy photo)

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when on the racetrack.

As Bell and Daly returned to their preparations for the Indianapolis 500, they left with a new understanding of how Airmen get the mission done.

"I think if you ever get a chance to fly in an F-16, you have to do it no matter what fears you may have in your life," said Bell. "(I'm) super thankful the Air Force has let us come out and do this. This is an awesome opportunity. Our car for the Indianapolis 500 is going to look awesome, so I can't wait to have (the F-16 VDT) out there and hopefully we can go just as fast as a fighter jet on the racetrack."

Right, Brig. Gen. Jeannie Leavitt, AFRS Commander, and Conor Daly, No. 25 Indianapolis livery driver, pose for a photo after unveiling this year's race vehicle in Indiana, April 23, 2019. More than 20 U.S. Air Force recruits were on hand at Indianapolis Motor Speedway for the event. (Courtesy photo/INDYCAR)



March, April goal met



Mike Romero, AFRS Director of Staff, rings the iconic bell at the headquarters building, Joint Base San Antonio - Randolph, Texas, on May 1, 2019. As tradition calls, personnel gathered in the lobby to celebrate meeting the Air Force recruiting goal for April.

AFRS HQ Integration Cell grows

Story by AFRS/PA

A new cell was formed at AFRS Headquarters to facilitate the integration of recruiting missions between the Air Force's three components, Active, Guard and Reserve.

Recently, AFRS welcomed Col. Tom Butler, U.S. Air Force Reserve, as the Chief of the Integration Cell who will lead the cross-component effort to integrate and synchronize recruiting processes and structure. Over the next few months, other Reserve personnel will join the headquarters team to provide subject matter expertise on the Reserve recruiting mission.

For the Guard component, the initial phase of integration will involve a few liaisons assigned to headquarters that will provide subject matter expertise on the Guard recruiting mission.

Chief Master Sgt. Michael Johnson, U.S. Air Force Reserve, Chief of Strategic Marketing Division for AFRS, was also recently named as Superintendent of Integration. He directs the planning, creation and development of advertising programs, services, funds and material used by recruiting squadrons and operating locations. He leads the efforts to synchronize cross-component recruiting when and where most viable to the Air Force.

As a member of the Total Force Recruiting Counsel, the chief also provides oversight of the preparation and submission of reports to higher headquarters and instruction to policies supporting both the Total Force recruiting mission needs.

To learn more about new team members, read their biographies at www.recruiting.af.mil/About-Us/Biographies.

AFRS CY18 4th Quarter Winners

Airman of the Quarter - SrA Carlo Fuentes, 364th RCS

NCO of the Quarter - TSgt Jeremiah Camper, 369th RCS

SNCO of the Quarter - MSgt Ernest Coleman, 369th RCS

CGO of the Quarter - Capt Alex Hermes, 338th RCS

FGO of the Quarter - Maj Jason Smith, 311th RCS

Civ Cat I of the Quarter - Ms. Kim Koziol, 314th RCS

Civ Cat II of the Quarter - Mr. Sean Loughrey, 337th RCS

Civ Cat III of the Quarter - Mr. Alfred Hyde, HQ AFRS



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AFRS hosts Educator Tour

Story by AFRS Public Affairs

AFRS welcomed another group of high school teachers, athletic coaches and counselors during the Distinguished Educator Tour, April 9-12, 2019. The guests had an opportunity to see a variety of training environments in the Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, area. In addition to hearing about the mission of AFRS when they were at JBSA-Randolph, they were introduced to pilot training and remote pilot operating. At JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, they learned about a variety of health careers. They talked to Airmen, witnessed basic military training, saw a live Air Force band performance and more at JBSA-Lackland.



Distinguished educators pose in front of a C-5 Galaxy with the 433rd Airlift Wing, JBSA-Lackland, Texas, April 11, 2019. (Air Force photos by Chrissy Cuttita)



Above, distinguished educators get an up-close look at how the Department of Defense trains military health care professionals, April 10, 2019, at JBSA-Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Right, every AFRS Educator Tour concludes with a front row seat at a Basic Military Training graduation ceremony at JBSA-Lackland, Texas. Guests get the same experience family members and friends of new Airmen have watching them in their final two days.



Air Force senior leaders update OCP uniform guidance

Story by Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. (AFNS) -- The Air Force recently announced new rules on Operational Camouflage Pattern uniforms that aim to better fit the needs of Airmen and the jobs they do while also holding fast to tradition.

The changes highlighted include authorization of the Two-piece Flight Duty Uniform in garrison and updated patch guidance for the OCP uniform.

"During the initial rollout of the OCP, we originally matched our sister services regarding patch configurations as we sought to emphasize our role as a joint warfighting force," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. David L. Goldfein.

"In response to overwhelming feedback received from Airmen, we will make an easy 'sleeve swap'

of the patch configuration to further elevate our focus on honoring the heritage of squadrons as the war-fighting units of the world's greatest Air Force. We will now place the squadron patch on the right sleeve along with the U.S. flag and move the higher headquarters patch to the left sleeve of the OCP."

Additionally, to provide commanders with expanded uniform options to fit the myriad of missions, on April 15, 2019, the two-piece flight suit, otherwise known as the 2PFDU, will be authorized

decisions based on what is best for their Airmen to meet mission requirements.

"The new unit patch configuration of the OCP and 2PFDU also aligns with the traditional FDU, elevating the significance of

squadron focus and identity, which supports CSAF's intent to revitalize squadrons," said Lt. Gen. Mark D. Kelly, Headquarters Air Force deputy chief of staff for Air Force operations.

In May 2018, Air Force leaders decided to transition to the OCP following feedback from Airmen that it is the best, battle-tested utility uniform available. It will also eliminate the need to maintain two separate uniforms – one for in-garrison and one for deployments.

The service expects to fully transition to OCPs by April 1, 2021.

For more information, Airmen should view Air Force Guidance Memorandum 2019-01 and check Air Force Instruction 36-2903 for updates, which are available on the public website of the Air Force's Personnel Center at <https://www.afpc.af.mil/Career-Management/Dress-and-Appearance>.

UPDATED UNIFORM GUIDANCE



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Parrot caps will be worn with nametags embroidered with **spine brown** thread and placed on the back using Velcro or seen in **Officer rank** will be seen on the front of the hat and extended to both above the visor.

Talons will be **spine brown** effective 1 June 2020.

Name and USAF rank and occupational badges will be embroidered using **spine brown** thread.

Right Sleeve
Three, 2 sleeve patches
The U.S. flag and unit patches are mandatory upon effective dates (see timeline). **Headquarters patch** (e.g. AFPC/AFMPC/AFMPC) are authorized optional. All will be embroidered using the **spine brown** color scheme.

Left Sleeve
Three, 2 sleeve patches
HQ patches are mandatory and should be centered in the middle of the left sleeve. Exception: Awarded joint qualification tabs (achieved and earned) may be worn above the HQ patch as a third patch (e.g. Army Ranger, Support Air Commando, SERE, etc.).
School graduate patches (e.g. AFPC, SAAS) are optional.
Graduated commanders may wear the **regiment** above the HQ patch on the left sleeve.
When authorized, **daily identifier tabs** (e.g. AFMPC, EOC) may be worn. List of approved daily identifier tabs is listed in AFMPC to AF1 36-2903.
Authorized list of embroidered **spine brown** color uniform left sleeve patches are listed in the AFMPC to AF1 36-2903.
Correct as of April 10, 2019.

Boots will be **spine brown** effective 1 June 2020.

TIMELINE

1 APR Expansion of in-use ACPET (see footnote continues)

2020

1 JUN Capote brown boots mandatory
Capote brown T-Shirt mandatory
U.S. flag spine brown color scheme mandatory
Spine brown officer rank mandatory
OLA green and black spine brown socks mandatory

2021

1 APR OCP Utility Uniform mandatory
All AF patches must be transferred to the spine brown color scheme

BENEFITS

- The OCP works in all climates and across the spectrum of missions we perform
- Over 130,000 Airmen have been issued and/or are already wearing OCPs. This includes AFPC/AFMPC and our AFMPC Defenders
- The OCP will bring back Air Force heritage with unit patches
- The OCP celebrates our joint warfighting excellence and close ties with the Army

to be worn in both garrison and deployed locations. The 2PFDU continues an effort to provide Airmen with improved form, fit and function to perform their duties in any environment.

The traditional flight duty uniform will also continue to be an option. Squadron commanders will now have the flexibility to make combat uniform

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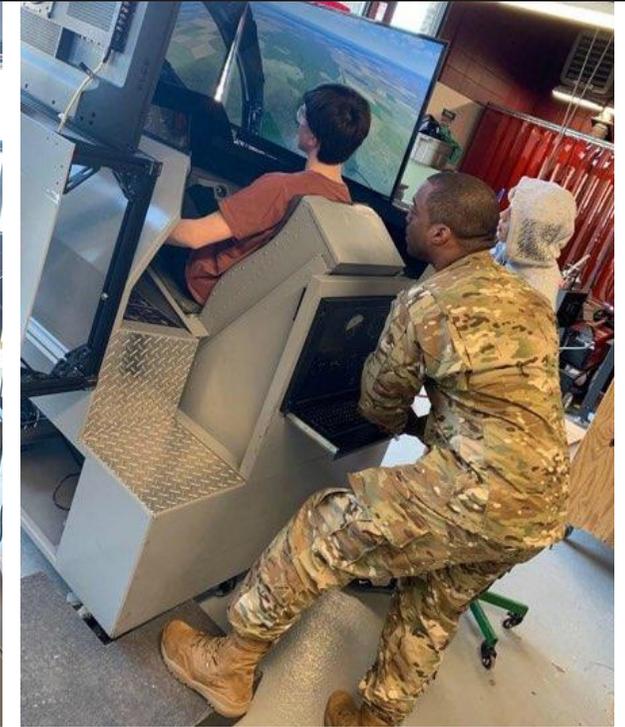
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The 332nd RCS teamed up with Sullivan South High School JROTC cadets to help clean up Bays Mountain Park, Kingsport, Tennessee, March 22, 2019. Twelve volunteers worked on four different projects within the 3,500-acre nature preserve: performing debris removal, patching park trails that sustained storm and vehicle damage, closing trail sections deemed unsafe until repaired, clearing culverts and trenches.



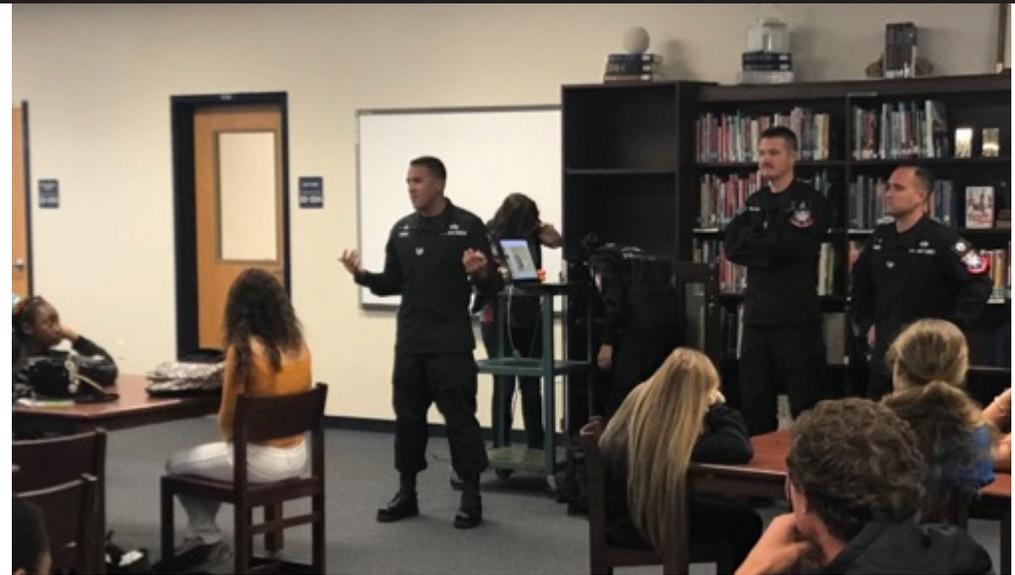
Tech. Sgt. Allistair Lewis, 347th RCS C Flight recruiter, shows students how to fly the flight simulator at Menomonee Falls High School, Wisconsin.



Master Sgt. Daryl Gullekson, Staff Sgt. David Dejesus and Tech. Sgt. Christian Gomez, of the 333rd RCS, and Staff Sgt. Cameron Spencer, of the 330th RCS, pose with a WWII Ace Pilot at the Sun 'N Fun Air Show, April 2-7, 2019, in Lakeland, Florida.



Master Sgt. Daryl Gullekson, Staff Sgt. David Dejesus and Tech. Sgt. Christian Gomez, of the 333rd RCS, and Staff Sgt. Cameron Spencer, of the 330th RCS, pose for a photo at the MacDill Air Force Base, Florida, STEAM Day.



In an outreach event with the 333rd RCS, the F-16 Viper Demo team joined Master Sgt. Daryl Gullekson at Winter Haven High School, Florida.



Staff Sgt. Keisha Martinez, of the 333rd RCS C Flight "Convicts," sizes up DEP-pers for a swear-in ceremony at the Sun 'N Fun Airshow in Lakeland, Florida.



The 333rd RCS A Flight "Assassins" hosted the A-10 Demo team at Key West Air Spectacular. Members of the South Florida Civil Air Patrol posed for a photo with the team. BRRRRRRTTTTTTTT!



Recruiters, Staff Sgt. Robert Mendoza and Tech. Sgt. Berlin Aniciete, with his son Julien Aniciete, and Lt. Col. Stewart Rountree, 333rd RCS commander, pose for a photo at the TICD Warbird Air Show in Titusville, Florida.



Staff Sgts. Bryant Guardia, Andrew Greer and Carlos Morales, 331st RCS D Flight EA recruiters, show support for their Florida and Alabama communities at the 10th Annual Gulf Coast Half Marathon, Pensacola Beach, Florida, April 7, 2019. DEP members and recruiters manned water stations and cheered on runners during the marathon, generating awareness of the Air Force to thousands of participants.



Tech. Sgts. Jeremy Swick and Phylcia Wright, 333rd RCS EA recruiters, attend the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival in Ponchatoula, Louisiana. The festival is a three-day event that hosts over 350,000 visitors and generates revenue for approximately 100-plus nonprofit organizations.



Tech. Sgt Rick McGettigan, 331st RCS EA Recruiter, presents Lori Devall with a Certificate of Appreciation at Central High School in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, April 11, 2019. The recruiter said Devall is always beaming with an amazing spirit and welcoming attitude, along with a ceaseless desire to help out whenever the Air Force visits the school. She was recognized for her commitment to students success as well as her attitude.



Master Sgt. Jeffrey Storman, 331st RCS Standardization and Training Flight Chief, certifies Tech. Sgt. Damian Bumm as an EA Recruiter at his office in Ridgeland, Mississippi, April 10, 2019. The squadron said Bumm does an amazing job and they look forward to watching him continue to do great things for the Air Force.



Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Avanzato, 331st RCS Production Superintendent, certifies Tech. Sgt. Christopher Ladner, EA Recruiter in Metairie, Louisiana, April 9, 2019. The squadron said Ladner has been doing big things for the New Orleans area and has a bright future in recruiting.



Chief Master Sgt. Sonia Lee, Command Chief, Air Force Recruiting Service, poses for a picture with members of the 360th RCG during their Professional Enhancement Seminar, April 23-26, 2019, in Potomac, Maryland. The event focused on different topics in leadership and development.

Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Burtch, 339th RCS recruiter, poses for a picture recently before Fruitport High School, Michigan, students stop by his table to get more information about the Air Force.



Lt. Col. Corey Edmonds, 339th RCS commander, presents Tech. Sgt. Joseph Glorso with a going away memento, April 26, 2019, in Clinton Township, Michigan. Glorso is returning to force after four years in recruiting. During his time as a recruiter he enlisted 110 applicants and is a three-time silver badge winner.



Above and right, recruiters from the 337th RCS C Flight DEPpers and family pose with a F-16 and the Air Force Thunderbirds April 26, 2019 at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina, during an air show.



Recruiters from the 337th RCS D Flight and other branches of service joined forces to educate and influence future leaders of America at Douglas Byrd High School's Career Day event March 25, 2019, in Fayetteville, North Carolina.



Tech. Sgt. Janyll Smiling, 337th RCS recruiter, gathered 10 squadron members to assist Habitat for Humanity, Sumpter, South Carolina, March 29, 2019. They helped build a home for a family in need.



Members and family of the 337th RCS D Flight challenge themselves at a fun, morale event April 26, 2019 in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Do you think they escaped?



Master Sgt. Tanisha Ross, 337th RCS recruiter, gives Col. Timothy Goodroe, 360th RCG commander, an immersion brief on the areas they are responsible for in North and South Carolina.

DYK-AFRS organization facts

The mission of Detachment 1 is to inform, influence and inspire! Actively engaged in rated diversity and inclusion measures for the Air Force, Det. 1 takes part in a number of diverse events and outreach efforts each month. The detachment is primarily comprised of rated officers who seek to inspire today's youth through flight and technology and uses innovative engagement methods to identify individuals from all segments of society for opportunities in the Air Force. Finally, Det. 1 is responsible for synchronizing recruiting efforts between active-duty enlisted, officer (Academy, ROTC and OTS), reserve, guard and pre-accession sources (JROTC, CAP, Young Eagles, etc.).



Recruiters from the 349th RCS B and H Flights pose for a photo during the NCAA Men's Basketball Midwest Regional, Kansas City, Missouri, March 31, 2019.



Staff Sgt. Aric Sievers, of the 349th RCS, sets up shop during a home game at the Wichita Force Arena Football Stadium, April 27, 2019.



Tech. Sgt. Randall "Brian" Landers presents a Certificate of Appreciation to Asa Poteete, Pea Ridge High School, Arkansas, football and basketball coach, in April 2019.



Staff Sgt. Robert Petty, 349th RCS recruiter, presents a basketball to Tamia Templeton, student and MVP, to recognize her support for the Air Force at Morrilton High School, Arkansas, April 10, 2019.



During a game, the Tri-Cities Fire Arena Football League honored 361st RCS B Flight DEPpers for their commitment to joining the U.S. Air Force and recognized Kennewick High School JROTC for presenting the colors prior to kick off. Staff Sgts. Russell Sechrest and Sheral Bair had the opportunity to hit the field during half time and pass out t-shirts, lanyards and noise makers as well. Lastly, B Flight and their DEPpers received some words of wisdom from Kinshasa Martin, Owner of Tri Cities and also a veteran.



Tech. Sgt. Tyler Breshears, 361st RCS recruiter, presents Army Veteran Ross A. Turkle with a Certificate of Appreciation and veteran pin at his residence in Coos Bay, Oregon, April 12, 2019. Southcoast Family Hospice wanted to recognize the WWII veteran for his military service taking care of concentration camp survivors and paying respects to those who were killed.



Tech. Sgts. Juan Ayala and Matthew Ruscitti and Flight Chief Master Sgt. Randy Shamblin, 362nd RCS A Flight recruiters, conduct a DEP call in Telegraph Canyon, Yuma, Arizona, April 19, 2019.

WEAR participant builds Air Force awareness one block at a time

Story by AFRS Public Affairs

Master Sgt. Beau Mitchell, We Are All Recruiters (WEAR) participant, attended the FIRST LEGO League World Festival in Detroit, Michigan, April 23-27, 2019. After completing the AFRS Form 10 WEAR application, Mitchell was approved permissive TDY to go tell his Air Force story while serving as a judge for several challenges at the festival. He examined projects submitted by more than 1,000 participants. During the FIRST Tech Challenge and the FIRST Robotics Challenge, Mitchell said he had an opportunity to share his Air Force experiences and opportunities with more than 100 people in a packed crowd of over 10,000. These are some of the photos he brought back from his trip.

